

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 0004 as shown.

[0004] The RDMA protocol is used to make a section of main system memory on a first machine directly available to a remote second machine. The protocol associates the memory in the first machine with a handle referred to as a STag. To offload as much processing as possible from the CPU in the first machine, a NIC in the first machine ~~utilizes~~generates the STag generated by a consumer comprising, for example, an application program. The STag is then sent to the second machine, which can perform a write by sending the STag back with associated data. Upon receiving this data and associated STag, the NIC in the first machine will read the STag and use a DMA transfer to move the data into the memory associated with the STag.